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The listed items were all cited in a Search Report (copy enclosed) dated June 22, 2001 in a counterpart European applicant and which categories these references. DE 3820170 was already submitted and explained in the previous Information Disclosure Statement.

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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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